



# How sharper than a serpent's tooth.



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MOOD: 😞 guilty

MUSIC: Everlast - What It's Like

So yesterday, was the last day of the puking drugs.

I bought myself a knife (<https://www.livejournal.com/away?to=http%3A//www.chefsresource.com/kershaw-shun-elite-10-chef-knife.html>).

If you're already spending more than two hundred dollars on something, it's silly not to pay for overnight shipping, right?

My new knife arrived today.



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All right, unconscious mind. We're coming to an accommodation. If the dreams are you cleaning

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Hey there. Sorry about the drama. It was... it was an emotional decision, and I didn't

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Ooooh, nice reward for getting through that. **(edited to add:** I've done that sort of thing before, rewarding myself for getting through something difficult, whether or not I could afford it financially. I've finally (I hope!) gotten to the point where I don't do guilt about that. About many, many other things, but not that. \*wry\*)

(I may have killed George (my shoggoth). I've taken him out and fed him this afternoon, and there seem to be

bubbles, so we'll see. If he doesn't make it, I'm meeting  [inaurolillium](#) Monday and I can get another starter. And, as she said and I've already thought, name it "George II". :) )

('s good to see you back online, BTW.)



 [barsukthom](#)

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Aw. Just skip straight to Mad Georgie the Third!




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\*snicker\* what a ... crazy ... idea. :)



 [barsukthom](#)

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And thus they did usher in the scandalous Sourdough Regency...



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Any day you don't puke up your toenails is a good day, right?

(Did George pull through?)

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A very good day indeed.

(Seems to be doing OK; will have definite results by this afternoon, one way or the other.)

(ObShoggoths: have you been introduced to [Tom Smith's take on them](#) yet?)

Shoggoth went TEKELI-LI!



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I love Tom Smith! Especially his Coyote song (of course.)

He hurt himself pretty badly last month. (Ow.) Did you hear?



 [glinda\\_w](#)

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Yeah, I heard. (I hadn't heard the Coyote song so did some searching. \*laughs\* )



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Also, George is a most excellent and resilient young shoggoth. (Five or six weeks of neglect, and there's bread in the oven as I type. I need it, too - that gazpacho I made yesterday needs something to counteract the hotness. Shoulda used half a serrano instead of two of 'em... aieeeeeeee...)

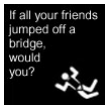


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My sister-in-law and her husband got themselves a set of Shuns for Xmas, I think the ones with the stainless handles. They're expensive, but they are *awesome*. You could cut air molecules with those bad boys. I always get a little jealous when they use them.

Hey, I'd celebrate the end of puking drugs with a nice purchase, too. And overnight shipping. As much as you cook, why not get the best? (We got Wusthofs for Xmas a few years back, and as God is my witness, I'll never use a cheap knife again.)



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A set seems like too much knifeness all at once. You wouldn't get a set of puppies, after all. How could you appreciate each one if you had eighteen?



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One at a time. :)

We mostly use our big chef's knife and the paring knife. Oh yeah, and the bread knife (for bread but also tomatoes.)

I used the fish knife for the first time the other day when I made gravlax.

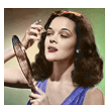


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*How could you appreciate each one if you had eighteen?*

*Scheduling is your friend! Surely there is a nice little calendar app for the AOP?*



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text message pop-up: *Pet puppy #11*



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You'd have to color-code them!

 [jennythe\\_reader](#)

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Thats what we had to do with my cats!

They're brothers, and when we first got them they looked absolutely identical. We got one a red collar and the other a blue collar, and for the first year that was the only way we could tell them apart. These days they actually look different, so the color coding isn't as necessary.

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Well, standing up cutting things is still a bit tricky. I'm temporarily geriatric. But I can dream...



 [glinda\\_w](#)

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When I moved into this place, my friend Marie gave me one of her patented Mom-looks when my answer to "you **do** have a stool to sit on in the kitchen, right?" was negative, and then found one in her basement for me. (I'm no longer able to stand for very long.) Couldn't have chopped all the veggies for yesterday's gazpacho (and the rest of the kitchen binge) without it. It's not so useful for the actual putting-things-into-jars-and-jars-into-canner phase of making jams, etc., but is a godsend for the prepwork.

And if you get one, you can pass it along to someone else when you no longer need it!



 [txanne](#)

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Ooh, nice. And congratulations for making it through the puking drugs. There's nothing like inappropriately expensive shiny things, is there? I celebrated being no-longer-unemployed with something like that. I feel boundless joy when I'm looking at it, and terrible guilt when I think of my withering bank account. But hey, I've pretty much stomped the guilt by now...

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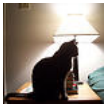
Yes, that's the one! And awwwww! Thank you! Your reaction to my reaction is part of my delight in it. And then there was the trip to Mpls to pick it up. I'd be packed if it weren't for that, but I couldn't have skipped it!



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Oh, you're soooo mysterious....




 [txanne](#)

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See? Had to!



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Wearable sculpture!



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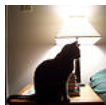
Precisely! So you can see why the guilt is losing.

 [glinda\\_w](#)

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How are you managing to get through to Lioness.net?!? I've been getting an "Firefox can't find the server at lioness.net." error ever since their storms on Friday evening... (wanna see her new stuff, dammit!)

(The [necklace in this icon](#) is the one I bought two years ago. And here's [Elise wearing it](#) (the "Literature and Adornment" photo), before it became mine. Mmmmmmm.) (I'm getting better at taking photos of jewelry; I'll have to re-do several, one of these months.)



 [txanne](#)

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Ooh, they could be sisters! We'll have to arrange a joint outing someday. I bet it's phenomenal as a crown, too. What's its name?

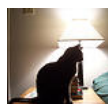


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It was nameless when she sold it to me, but it became "Reminder: Against All Odds" after I'd looked at it for a while.

We do need a gathering; I made it to Callahanicon '98 'cause it was local, and the '03 Pacific Northwet (sic) Annex, ditto, but am not up to traveling much. Alas.



 [txanne](#)

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Remind me where you are again?



 [glinda\\_w](#)

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Seattle, more or less (Bainbridge Island, a half-hour ferry ride from downtown).



 [carpe\\_noir](#)

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*"If you're already spending more than two hundred dollars on something, it's silly not to pay for overnight shipping, right?"*

Damn skippy.



 [cvillette](#)

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I knew you would approve!



 [Ometotchtli](#)

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Don't worry. If you run out of money to buy the food to use it on, I'll bring some of mine over. <3



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Your generosity is faultless.




 [trollcatz](#)

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Dude, you own a kitchen tool that looks like a Ferrari? Wow.



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More like a '60s-vintage X-Type Jaguar. But it's not like I notice those things.



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Oh, look. A geek!



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Admiring yourself in the side of the toaster again?




 [glinda\\_w](#)

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Oh ghods, you've just reminded me of my lifetime dream car. Mid-60s, XKE, ragtop, British racing green. (I always did go for the classics.)




 [ace\\_cub\\_reportr](#)

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Remember to wish for a mechanic, too. They're pissier than the front man in an R&B band.

But if you make them happy, they do return the favor.



 [glinda\\_w](#)

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So I've been told. Not only do you need to be able to afford the Jag, but you have to be able to afford keeping a mechanic on retainer.

I doubt I could even get into or out of one these days, without severe pain. Alas.

(Closest I came to having a sports car was a Karmann Ghia, which I ran in a few rallyes in the early '70s. Fun times. :) )



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I might even let you use it, if you promise to leave all your fingers attached.



 [trollcatz](#)

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Hey! Smartypants. (Based on previous experience, I don't actually *remove* them. But if I do, I can remind you what the treatment is!)



 [inaurolillium](#)

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*Gorgeous.*

Shuns are so beautiful, I always want one, but the handles don't suit my hands. I want to hear the rhapsodizing, though. \*gets a little shiver at the tactile memory of the first time I use a new knife\*



 [cvillette](#)

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New knives are wonderful, aren't they? If my poor tomatoes hadn't all snuffed it while I was in the hospital, I could make BLTs with paper-thin tomato slices.

 [sarahwilder](#)

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Yay for less drugs! And yay for knives?



 cvillette

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seconded! carried by acclaim!




 txanne

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Too bad it's only made of SG-2 steel. Everybody knows SG-1 is the coolest.



 trollcatz

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\*facepalm, with groan\*



 cvillette

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I have been learning ignoring from the Angry Kitten. Just so you know. Not that it's relevant or anything.



 txanne

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Rats. I guess it wasn't funny enough to merit Dignified Silence. :-)




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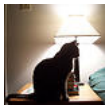
That's not what Dignified Silence is for.



 trollcatz

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Instead, this merited Vigorous Ignoring!



 txanne

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Which I am kinda pleased to have elicited.



 txanne

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Oh. Sry. I knew better, rly.

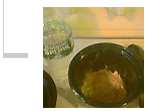




 [calanthe-b](#)

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No more nasty meds is very good news.



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I had scrambled eggs for breakfast today!

It was kind of like magic.



 [calanthe-b](#)

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...now you're making me feel queasy. ~turns green~

Glad you enjoyed 'em, though.

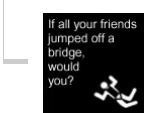


 [nebula99](#)

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Huzzah! for the end of puke making drugs. Constant nausea is so exhausting and depressing (yes, I've been there) so I'm really pleased you don't have that any more.

Nice kitchenware.



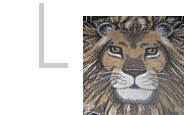
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It's the absolute worst.

I'm still a little rocky: body seems habituated to the idea that food should make you puke. But we're working on it.

How did you experiment with the NG tube go? I've been kind of out of it; I'm sorry.



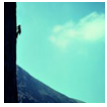
 [jimsmyth](#)


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I've been there with the nausea and the food. It sucks.

Scrambled eggs is good news. The first food after not-enjoyed food is like looking at the world after washing your glasses-- all special with this-is-the-way-it-always-was-after-all. Did you chop things to go in it? Or is the knife reserved for worthier tasks than green peppers, onions, mushrooms and/or ham? If I had a knife that fancy, I would be tempted to save it for foods of equal expense. ("That? Oh, that's my truffle knife. I only use it on High Feast Days.")

Good to have you back. Try to remember that your cells are still rebuilding your body, and won't mind a bit if you spend an occasional day on the couch. It would be a great time to build a cat blind, and spend the day wearing indoor camouflage while you wait patiently, observing the behavior of the angreh kitty when confronting an apparently-empty apartment. (Remember too that actual Marlon Perkins or Jacques Cousteau impersonations during the exercise will ruin the game. Dub them in later.)




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I haven't used it yet. I'd cut my fingers off right now.




 [jimsmyth](#)

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Don't do that, then. No fingers = bad typing.

...And now I really want some well-made scrambled eggs. With toast and butter. Yum.

Hope subsequent meals have continued the tasty trend.

 [nebula99](#)

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*I'm still a little rocky: body seems habituated to the idea that food should make you puke. But we're working on it.*

I hope the body catches on soon and that you've at least got some things you can eat without heaving.

*How did you experiment with the NG tube go? I've been kind of out of it; I'm sorry.*

Don't apologise - I think you've had enough of your own stuff going on! As for me and the tube - I am going to file having an NG tube under "Experiences not to be repeated." ;-) It was darned uncomfortable and as I'm sure you know, the way that it tugs is very unpleasant. I don't have any results yet - the joys of the NHS mean that you have to wait 8 weeks for a consultant to have a free appointment to talk about what they found. \*rolls eyes\*



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\*rolls them back\* Man, a lot can happen in eight weeks.

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 [nebula99](#)



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*\*rolls them back\* Man, a lot can happen in eight weeks.*



Indeed. Fingers crossed they don't say "sorry, we lost your results during the 8 weeks and you're going to have to do it again". Because then I might get snarky.

*The worst part is when you absentmindedly scratch your cheek or turn your head wrong and yank on the tube.*

Eeeek! Owwww! Urghhh!

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Fingers also crossed. and a wince for backup.

  [nebula99](#)  
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Thanks mate. Appreciated. \*g\*

 [uffer](#)  
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That is a thing of beauty, and justifies the cost simply by existing. No guilt required, I think.



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I hope my student loan people agree. !!!!


 [uffer](#)  
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Ah, just show 'em the picture and do the puppy-eyes thing. Irresistable combination, surely?



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Thank you!

 [jennythe\\_reader](#)  
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Pretty! A knife like that needs a name. My suggestion would be Excalibur.

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Stormbringer!



 [rekre8](#)

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Tearmaker (for the onions)




 [glinda\\_w](#)

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Aieeeeeeee. That's a bit... ominous (omen-ous?).



 [trollcatz](#)

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Winston. I think he had the right attitude. Or Franklin Delano, likewise.




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[locked] Dream Journal

All right, unconscious mind. We're coming to an accommodation. If the dreams are you cleaning

Elvis doesn't live here anymore.

Hey there. Sorry about the drama. It was... it was an emotional decision, and I didn't

Poppets. Puppets. Poppet puppets. Scary.